

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

Date: July 31, 2012

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Place: Pension Reserves Investment Management Board
84 State Street, Suite 250
Boston, Massachusetts

Present: Commissioner Gayle Cameron
Commissioner James F. McHugh
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

Absent: Commissioner Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

Call to Order:

Commissioner McHugh opened the 19th public meeting in Chairman Crosby's absence.

Charitable Gaming Legislative Report – Vote:

See transcript pages 2-8.

Commissioner McHugh stated that under Section 103 of the Expanded Gaming Legislation, Chapter 194 of the Acts of 2011, the Commission is required to prepare a report on the operation of charitable gaming in Massachusetts and make recommendations to the Legislative leadership regarding changes the Commission recommends. The Commission prepared a report and discussed it at the last Commission meeting. Today's meeting is focused on formal approval of the report and a cover letter that will be sent to the Speaker of the House and Senate President, the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Ways and Means, and the Chairs of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies.

The report recommends that regulation of charitable gaming be consolidated in the Lottery Commission, which has the staff and experience to conduct the regulatory efforts efficiently and effectively and is already regulating aspects of charitable gaming that account for 73% of the total dollar volume spent on charitable gaming in the Commonwealth. Legislation and regulations will be proposed by the end of the year in order to effect that transition. The Commission's recommendation has been discussed with the Lottery Commission, the Treasury, and the Attorney General, all of whom support it.

Commissioners Cameron, Stebbins, and Zuniga spoke in support of the report and the planned consolidation of charitable gaming under the Lottery Commission. Commissioner Zuniga

recommended that the Commission give some consideration to the question of how the introduction of casinos will affect charitable gaming in the future. Commissioner McHugh said that there is some concern in the charitable gaming community about this potential impact. No doubt, the Lottery Commission will watch to see whether it develops and will propose corrective measures if it does.

Motion made by Commissioner Cameron to forward this report to the legislature in the form presented to the Commission today. Motion seconded by Commissioner Stebbins. The motion passed by a 4-0-0 vote.

Commissioner McHugh stated that the report will be transmitted this afternoon to the six designated legislative leaders.

Motion made to adjourn, motion seconded and carried unanimously.

List of Documents and Other Items Used at the Meeting

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission July 31, 2012 Notice of Meeting & Agenda
2. Charitable Gaming, Massachusetts Gaming Commission Report

/s/ James F. McHugh
James F. McHugh
Secretary